



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

UCF Student Government
Elections & Appointments (E&A) Meeting
Charge on Chamber
3/12/2025
10:30 AM

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order: 10:37 AM
2. Roll Call & Verification of Quorum: 7/6 (4)

Name	Email	Initial	Final
Chair Escobar	sga_ea@ucf.edu	P	E
Vice Chair Beneche	sga_sci2@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Patel	sga_med1@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Gaudio	sgaecs9@ucf.edu	P	P
Senator Connolly	sga_ecs3@ucf.edu	E	E
Senator Rickett	sga_grst2@ucf.edu	P	P
LJR Representative, Chair Courts	sga_ljr@ucf.edu	P	P
Pro Tempore Representative	sga_pro@ucf.edu	P	P
Supervisor of Elections Brown	sga_ec@ucf.edu	P	P

3. Approval of the Minutes: [03.05.2024](#) **Approved by GC**
4. Approval of the Agenda: **Approved by Gc**
5. Announcements from the Chair Escobar-
 - a. Good morning E&A! No confirmations today, although we will be caucusing tomorrow in Senate for the confirmation of Noach David for associate justice seat #2. I apologize for the confusion last week, the two associate justices will no longer be moving seats. We have two bills to see and bills to discuss as well. I have also been working on the [E&A transition binder](#), let me know if there is anything specific to have on it.
 - i. Beneche: So the two justices just aren't switching at all?
 - ii. Escobar: Yeah
6. Announcements from the Vice Chair Beneche-

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- a. None
- 7. Announcements from Committee Members-
 - a. LJR Rep: Last week we saw multiple different bills and resolutions. Our Title III revisions bill will be seen on the floor on third reading tomorrow, and GAP Chair Vasquez's bill was remanded back to LJR and will be seen today with 3 other Internal Bills and 2 Resolutions.
 - i. Escobar: Will I be able to speak in open forum?
 - ii. Courts: Yep
 - b. Pro Temp Rep: None.
 - c. Supervisor Brown: Hi y'all! Happy Election Week! The commission had to disqualify a candidate last night and have been seeing a large number of affidavits. Our marketing efforts have also been extremely well received with lines for cotton candy easily getting reaching 40-50 people at a time. Please stop by the Election tent if you have not already! We still have shirts 😊! Finally, I'll be sending my memorandum by tomorrow morning once the Election week as fully ended.
 - i. Rickett: Senate candidate or presidential candidate disqualified?
 - ii. Escobar: Presidential
 - iii. Gaudio: If this candidate decides to appeal, how will this affect vote counts
 - iv. Brown: There are multiple routes this could go; it completely depends on how the council rules.
 - v. Rickett: Is it possible that this could run into the summer semester?
 - vi. Brown: No.
 - vii. Morissette: Will this effect the Passing of the Gavel?
 - viii. Brown: It should be resolved by the Passing of the Gavel ceremony.
- 8. Announcements from Non-Committee Members-
 - a. Victoria (SLC): Noach is getting confirmed tomorrow in senate?
 - b. Escobar: Yes
- 9. Old Business-
 - a. None.
- 10. New Business-
 - a. Confirmations:
 - i. None
 - b. Bills:
 - i. [Internal Bill 56-41 \[Updates to Title VI Name Change in Elections\].docx](#)
 - 1. MQSD: 5-5-5
 - a. Speech

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- i. Beneche: I wrote this to kind of prevent discrimination of people who wish to not use their university issued name. I just changed that part, so it would make it to where they can change the name to their preferred name.
- b. Questioning
 - i. Rickett: What is the purpose of this bill?
 - 1. Beneche: In the case that somebody doesn't want to use their name given at birth, it prevents discrimination and allows them to use that name.
 - ii. Rickett: What if there is someone else on campus with that name?
 - 1. Brodie: There are statutory provisions that prevent marketing yourself as another candidate.
 - a. What if there is a write-in candidate?
 - i. Brodie: This question is still relevant right now as that could be the case now.
 - iii. Morissette: Would it prohibit or allow somebody to use a persona name?
 - 1. Beneche: I don't think anyone would do that in an election, but I suppose it would be the purview of the EC or SG Advisor
 - iv. Escobar: Decision can be overturned by 2/3 vote correct?
 - 1. Beneche: Yes
 - a. Escobar: How does this prevent discriminatory people from using this to their advantage?
 - i. Beneche: It doesn't really, we would have to be aware.
 - v. Rickett: Are there names that can't be used?
 - 1. Beneche: Elaborate
 - a. Rickett: Dog whistle names
 - i. Beneche: At the discretion of EC. I trust they would be able to be aware of this.

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- b. Brodie: To some extent, we would probably google it. Usually when people use a changed name, it is usually not too
 - c. Debate
 - i. Morissette: Will be voting in favor, this is already in practice.
 - ii. Supervisor Brown: I am a big advocate of this because it adds a check to name changing, as we are aware that there could be some people using it wrong but even bigger that it protects students and allows them to express themselves.
 - iii. Escobar: Will be voting in favor.
 - d. Voting: 6-0-1
 - ii. [Internal Bill 56-44 \[Updates to Title VI The Election Statutes\].docx](#)
 - 1. Speech
 - a. Lazo: This bill aims to prohibit activities that may misalign the UCF Student Government with federal, state or other student governments. There has been plenty of misinformation and inappropriate representation of the SG and their proceedings. I kinda wanted to make sure these were clear and clearly state what Student Government actually does. One issue that has been brought up where candidates might misalign themselves and straying from their constituents. This misguides the student body and causes a further divide between students and the Student Government. I feel fixing the statutes remedies these issues.
 - 2. Questioning
 - a. Morissette: Elaborate on 606.3 G
 - i. Lazo: I've seen people say that the SG 'controls' President Cartwright, which is untrue. Saying that in your campaign material is misconstruing the role that you're running for.
 - b. Gaudio: You see SG as an apolitical entity?
 - i. Lazo: Not necessarily apolitical, but apolitical for the student's needs. Nothing is currently legislated right now regarding this.
 - c. Escobar: Also about 606.3 G, aren't the candidates allowed to do as such? Scared of over legislation

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i. Lazo: I tried to keep it as vague as possible. I'm just worried about misinformation and pulling the cloth over voter's eyes.

Candidates need to be educated on their position.

d. Rickett: Do you think there should be punitive action for these misconstructions?

i. Lazo: Want the EC to make that decision themselves.

3. Debate

a. Gaudio: I will be voting in negation of this bill. As someone who is GAP and SBA rep, I've heard personally that just because a topic is maybe important or pivotal to some constituents, we can strike those down. Also, proclamations and resolutions that we use are inherently political. We condemn and support politicized things all the time! I also feel as though the vagueness is an issue. Things need to be outlined properly and specifically.

i. Lazo: I fear we're letting candidates be misinformed about their positions.

ii. Brown: I feel as though maybe moving the 603.3 G to 602.

Whatever letter so it's a Tier 1/2 violation. Prevents it being a real issue or consequence.

b. Escobar: I'll be voting in favor IF the recommended amendment gets passed.

c. Morissette: Based of Gaudio's sentiments, do you think the EC will have the capacity to inform candidates if they misconstrue information?

i. Brown: We would have to bring back reviewing electronic media for candidates, but given how this year's election is going, I feel the EC would be able to handle that.

d. Rickett: Voting in favor! I like it.

e. Courts: I will be voting in favor of the bill. I do think that amendment should be seen on the floor tomorrow so the body can decide

f. Brown: I would specifically like to talk about the amendment. Take note that we do take note of political affiliation in Title VI. Being associated with a political organization is very differnt than being associated with a Dog Club.

Vote: 6-1-0; Passes on first reading

11. Member Discussion-

- a. [Internal Bill 56-XX Updates to Title VI Student Body Senate Midterm Elections.docx](#) - Borges

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Move to informal: 11:25am

- i. Courts: Might be stepping on president's toes; Don't like it because president appoints people throughout the semester. If nobody's going for the seats, doing an election will do nothing.
 - ii. Brown: I don't think it steps on any toes, but does discourage president from appointing
 - iii. Gaudio: I don't think that EC has enough budget to reasonably conduct a well-hosted election
 - b. [Internal Bill 56-XX Updates to Title VI Ranked Choice Voting.docx](#) - Borges
 - i. Gaudio: I like this, there are better options but implementing those would be terrible
 - ii. Brown: I am vehemently against removing a runoff. This harms the student voice and choice in who represents them.
 - iii. Brodie: DO NOT! Go further with this until we can talk to required parties.
 - c. Senate apportionment:
 - i. [Internal Bill 56-X Updates to Title III Senate Apportionment](#)
 - ii. [Senate Apportionment Model](#)
 - iii. [Apportionment Options.docx](#)
 - d. Runoff clarification bill:
 - e. Special session bill:
 - f. New Senator Checklist: [New Senator Checklist](#) for Senators appointed next year
 - i. Pro Temp: Don't really like this because it's a little redundant in regard to the Pro Tempore's job
 - 1. Beneche: Not really because it's just a checklist of what happens
12. Miscellaneous Business
- a. Rickett: I am going to write a bill for apportionment, will make bullet points and keep you in the loop. Want to do student and senators-at-large.



<--- The goat Luke Brown (official SG candybender)

Move to Formal: 11:41am

13. Final Roll Call: 6/6 (4)

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14. Adjournment: 11:42 AM

Key:

P - Present

A - Absent

MTD - Move to Debate

MTV - Move to Vote

MTA- Move to Amend

MSQD – Motion for Speech, Questioning, & Debate Time

PP - Postpone

PPI - Postpone Indefinitely

GC - General Consent

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